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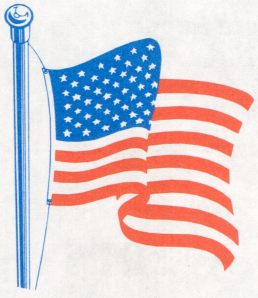

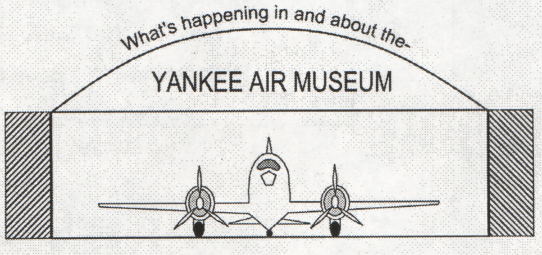

Hangar Happenin's

HEARTS TO YANKEE

Saturday February 19th Dinner-Dance & Auction
Morris J. Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College
4800 East Huron River Drive
between Ypsilanti & Ann Arbor
THE FUN BEGINS AT 5 PM!
$45 per person in advance $50 at the door
All proceeds will benefit Yankee Air Museum
Many auction items including airplane rides & weekend hotel room in Las Vegas

IDEAL AIRPORT CAR
SEE PAGES 3 & 11
LOW MILEAGE !
TO PLACE A BID, CALL
YANKEE AIR MUSEUM
(734) 483-4030
1996 Suzuki Swift to be auctioned!
What's your bid for this clean little teal blue air-conditioned manual 5-speed?

February 2005

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MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members & Guests Welcome

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2nd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
Everyone Welcome

Board Meeting
3rd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members Welcome

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4th Saturday of Month - 10:30 AM
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Opinions expressed by our columnists are rightfully their own and do not necessarily reflect the outlook of our entire organization.

Please pardon these errors made in our January issue:

On page 3 in **The Hangar 2 Report**
plain should be **plaid**

On page 18 in the **Board Report**
$78K income should be **$78K expenses**

Please let us know about our mistakes!

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

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2 Feb 1941	Happy Birthday ***USO*** !
4 Feb 1902	**Charles Lindbergh** born in Detroit
10 Feb 1908	First **Army airplane contract** signed with Wright brothers
12 Feb 1973	USAF C-141 Starlifter lands in Hanoi, North Vietnam, to pick up our first returning **prisoners of war**
20 Feb 1962	First US orbiting of Earth by **John Glenn**
23 Feb 1945	US Marines battle to top of Mount Suribachi on **Iwo Jima** and hoist the US Flag
27 Feb 1991	***Desert Storm*** ground war ends after 100 hours
28 Feb 1994	**NATO**'s first combat 2 F-16s down 4 Serb Galebs

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Our General Membership Meeting for January was cancelled due to winter storm warnings.

To contact Hangar Happenin's
E-mail: **hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org**
Phone: **(734) 483-4030**

HAVE ANY NEWS FOR OUR MARCH ISSUE ? PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR TEXT AND PHOTOS BEFORE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH.

A NOTE IN PASSING ...

Since our October 9th fire, I have been surprised that neither the officers nor the Board has gone to the general membership to raise money for a new hangar.

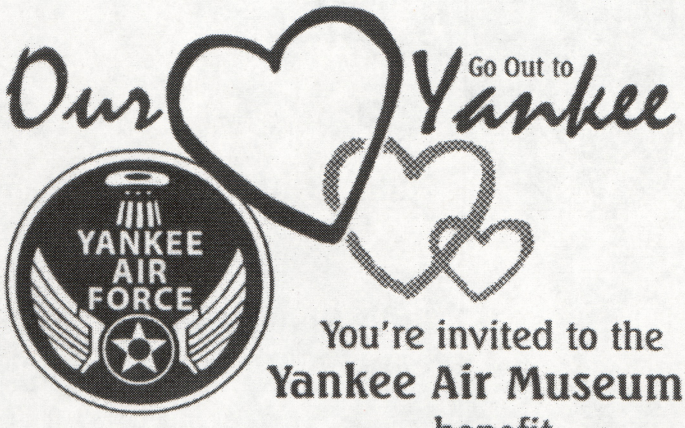
We now have approximately 4,000 current members. If each of us would give or pledge $25 a month, that would provide the Building Fund with $100,000 a month or $1.2 million a year. If this were done for 2 years, we would have close to $2.5 million, which would cover the cost of a new hangar!

I know that some of our members could not afford this. But I also know that there are others who could do this with no problem. There are still others who could be more generous.

One of the advantages of this being done on a pledge basis would be that after a period of time—say a year—you could go to a bank, telling them we have raised $1.2 million and have pledges for another $1.2 million in the next year. This would make, I think, for an easy and inexpensive loan.

Boy, it's easy to come up with these ideas when you're no longer on the Board and don't have to implement them.

Don Burke
Ex-Board Member



You're invited to the
Yankee Air Museum's
benefit
Dinner, Dance and Auction

Saturday, February 19, 2005
at five o'clock in the evening
held at
Washtenaw Community College
Morris Lawrence Building
4800 E. Huron River Drive
Ann Arbor, Michigan

5:00	Cocktails/Cash Bar courtesy of Sidetrack Bar & Grill Silent Auction Begins
6:00	Buffet Dinner courtesy of Yankee Air Museum & Elite Catering
7:00	Silent Auction Closes
7:30	Live Auction Courtesy of Steve Gross & Premier Auction Services
9:00	Dancing Mood setting music courtesy of The Couriers

Please RSVP by February 15, 2005
for information call 734.483.4030
www.yankeeairmuseum.org

Tickets will not be mailed. Your name tag, available at the door the night of the event, will serve as your confirmation.

Our Go Out to Yankee

YANKEE AIR FORCE

Number of Tickets _____@$45 per person

Total Enclosed $ _____

◯ Table Sponsorship (for 8) $400.00
with mention in the program

◯ My check is enclosed.

Make check payable to:
Yankee Air Museum–Hearts
P.O. Box 590
Belleville, Michigan 48112

Please print name(s) as they are to appear on the name tag(s)

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Please give us your mailing address
so we can send you our thanks.

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Please charge my ◯ VISA ◯ MasterCard

Name on Card _____

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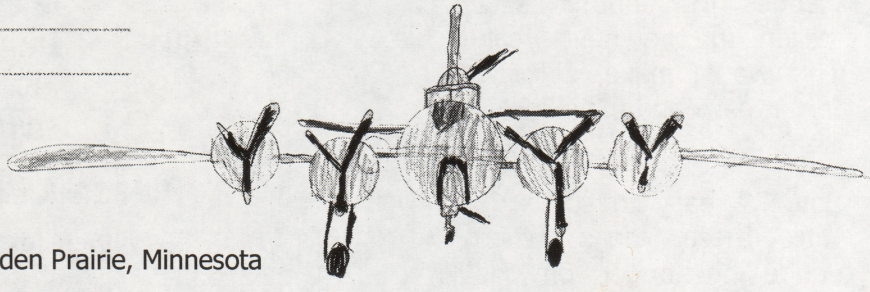
◯ I am unable to attend the Hearts to Yankee event, but would like to send my support with the enclosed tax deductible gift of $_____

(Your reservation will be held at the door; tickets will not be mailed.)



B-17 illustration by **Egan Rzonca** of Eden Prairie, Minnesota

SHOW THE WORLD YOU LOVE YANKEE AIR MUSEUM !

HELP REBUILD OUR MUSEUM AND KEEP OUR PLANES FLYING WITH YOUR MAIL ORDER PURCHASE

1.) EMBROIDERED WINTER JACKET **$89.00** $94.34 Michigan Residents.
Navy blue jacket has a water-resistant nylon shell lined with fleece. Stretch knit waistband and cuffs keep the wind out. Exterior and interior pockets are secured with pull-tab zippers. You choose the logo you want embroidered. Specify size and logo choice below.

2.) EMBROIDERED DENIM SHIRT **$42.00** $44.52 Michigan Residents.
You can order long or short sleeves. 100% cotton shirt with button down collar and single pocket. You can have one of several different logo designs embroidered on the left chest. Specify sleeve length, size and logo choice below.

3.) HEAVYWEIGHT SWEATSHIRT **$49.00** $51.94 Michigan Residents.
Long sleeve sweatshirt features the YAF logo on the left chest. Our B-17, B-25 and C-47 are featured on the back. Six bright colors are used to silkscreen the designs. Sweatshirt has a collar and 3/4 length zipper. Can be ordered in faded denim blue or light olive green. Specify size and color below.

4.) EMBROIDERED BASEBALL STYLE CAP **$25.00** $26.50 Michigan Residents.
Navy blue baseball style cap has adjustable clasp for size adjustment. Choose the logo you want embroidered. Specify logo choice below.

5.) EMBROIDERED POLO SHIRT **$29.00** $30.74 Michigan Residents.
100% cotton shirt has knit collar, single pocket and wood-tone buttons. All seams are double stitched. Shirt can be ordered in navy blue or red. You decide which logo you want embroidered. Specify size, color and logo below.

CIRCLE the item number you wish to order: 1 2 3 4 5

CIRCLE the size: Men's Medium Men's Large Men's XL Men's 2XL

CIRCLE the color if you are ordering item 3 or 5: Navy Blue Red Faded Denim Blue Light Olive Green

CIRCLE the sleeve length if you are ordering item number 2: Short Sleeve Long Sleeve

CIRCLE the logo you want embroidered if you are ordering item number 1, 2, 4 or 5:

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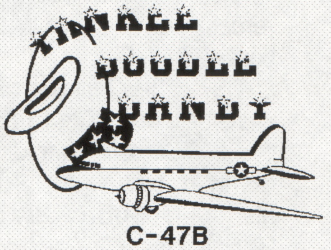
Flight Experience



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If you are ordering items 1, 2 or 5 you can have your name embroidered at no extra charge.

Name you want embroidered : _____

Allow 2 - 4 weeks for delivery. Please make checks payable to YANKEE AIR MUSEUM.
Call **(248) 474-1000** or e-mail **amersilk2@aol.com** with any questions about your order.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone _____ **Best time to call** _____

Mail this order form to:

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P.O. BOX 590
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BOARD REPORT

December 2004 by **Dave Steiner**

Election results

The following candidates were elected to the Board beginning January 2005 and will be sworn in at the January Board meeting: **Randy Hotton**, **Ray Hunter**, **Deane Baker**, **Kevin Walsh**. Hotton and Hunter were incumbents, Baker served previously and Walsh served six months on an interim basis. Ballots mailed: 1848. Ballots returned: 690, about 37% return rate which is consistent historically. Many FLEX riders may not vote, nor members who are literally spread around the country and the world who, while supporting the YAM, may choose not to participate in the voting for whatever reason. The vote count for the fourth seat was very close and there were several recounts with a final difference of only two votes between **Kevin Walsh** and **Ken Murray**, only nine ahead of **Ted Drews**. Congratulations to our new Board members and thanks to all the candidates including those not elected, **Robert Campbell** and **Gerald Smith**. We thank **Ted Drews** and **Don Burke** for their service on the Board. Both will remain very active Yankee members.

The changes to our Bylaws were accepted 574 to 38.

Sincere thanks to Elections Committee chair **Al. Scotford** and his staff: **John Brady**, **Gerald Barr**, **Dean Greene**, **Dwight Koslowski**, **Bob Pilz**, **Don Messing** for all the work they put into doing the election mailing twice due to the first returned ballots being destroyed by the fire before they were counted. Complete election results are available by contacting **Al. Scotford** by e-mail at **zekezzypt@cswebmail.com** or calling the corporate offices at (734) 483-4030.

2005 budget approved

The 2005 Yankee Air Museum budget was approved by the Board. Many YAM departments responded to requests to cut back their initial expense estimates from budgets proposed. The final figures are:

$ 1,301,800.00	projected income
$ 1,208,537.90	projected expense
$ 93,262.10	projected net income

As a non-profit we are a bit different as departments realize that money not spent will help us in the long term to build a better organization. As a result, historically most YAM departments have spent *less* money than budgeted and authorized. During our current crisis, it is imperative that only money that *must* be spent is spent. Any expenditure more than $100 for other than *Hangar Happenin's* or flyable aircraft must have prior approval from President **Jon Stevens** or Vice President **Dick Stewart**. If you don't really need it, don't buy it! Do try to get it donated if you can.

Copies of the budget are available from **Bill Colwell** (e-mail **alsoBill2@aol.com)**. We cannot thank Bill and others on the Finance Committee enough for all the work they have done over the years to improve our financial records.

Other financial news

November income was $52K and expenses $125K including insurances payments, so we lost more than a few dollars. Losses during the winter months are normal as our income is greatly reduced due to aircraft not flying and museum visits down. With no museum and no museum store, income is now even more restricted. $25.2K was authorized for utilities and rent payments that were due.

Treasurer **Les Klima** reports that our donation cans are bringing in about $970 every two weeks. There are still more cans available at Hangar 2 if you know a business in your area that would allow you to place one by its cash register. See more information on our website or contact Jane Spires **ejspires@yahoo.com**.

YAM now accepts *VISA*, *MasterCard*, *American Express*, and *Discovery* charges. Les is looking into a wireless card reader that could be used at airshows. There have been a few instances where credit cards were used to purchase items like FLEX rides and when the cards were "run" upon return to the Hangar, were found to be no good.

More than 70 FLEX rides had been booked by December 15th as a result of "holiday" newspaper ads and the Board authorized up to another $5K for one final weekend of ads before Christmas.

The Board declined to pay a $3740 insurance invoice for the Wurtsmith Division. YAF divisions are expected to be self-supporting. The Board also voted against authorizing up to $15K to purchase a Lycoming R-985 engine for the AT-11 available on *eBay*. It was felt the AT-11 will not be flyable for at least a year and other engines will become available.

Fire report

The airport authorities authorized removal of our engine storage cans from the burn site. The cans were opened and the engines found to damaged beyond repair; no parts could be salvaged. A B-17 engine not on the site is being rebuilt. It already has 1000 hours and could be flown to 1700, but will be more cost effective to have it reconditioned before installation on the aircraft.

Division reports

Don Burke reported that people are getting more established in our Hangar 2 areas, but there is still a great deal of work to be done. **Tom Stevens** of our Saginaw Division reports they have a spare manual dog tag machine that can be made available to Willow Run Division. There is still a fair amount of turmoil at the Florida Division, reported **Ted Drews**. The term of their current chair is ending.

MORE NEWS from **Dave Steiner**

A shorter *Hangar Happenin's* this time

This issue of *HH* is only 12 pages rather than the normal 16. This will save printing and mailing expenses and offset the extra cost for the 20-page issues of December and January. We may have another 12-pager in March, but not to worry: *HH* is not going away and the staff is fully committed to providing you a timely and news-filled issue of *HH* every month of the year. We welcome all articles and photos, and even though we may not have space to publish each one right away, we'll do our very best to get them in. Items may be submitted in handwriting or typed on paper, CD, diskette, or electronically. Please provide an e-mail address or daytime phone number where we can reach you if we have questions. We truly appreciate your input and feedback. After all this is ***your*** organization and ***your*** newsletter.

*Special thanks from the HH staff to the great guys who readied our new office at Hangar 2: **Ken** and **John Aldridge**, **Bob Richards**, **Keith Jones**, **Tim Nickell**, **Phil Kennedy**, and **Don Burke.** It's nice to have a home again and be near other Yankee volunteers. Well done! Thank you for all your hard work. Appreciation to **Dave Steiner** for acquiring our desk, swivel armchair, work table and file cabinet. We're also grateful to the kind donor of our easy-to-read wide-screen monitor !*

Feigley Buick donates space for M-37

Les Kellogg reported at our December 18th staff meeting that **Dale Feigley** of *Feigley Buick* in Milford has donated space at his dealership for the M-37 Dodge Weapons Carrier so the guys can continue its restoration. Les and crew will trailer the truck from the YAM Skonk Works building near the fire site (the only building not destroyed in the fire) to *Feigley Buick*. Dale has purchased lunch for golfers in the YAF Golf War the last two years. All we can say is, what a guy, and if you or anyone you know is in the market for a vehicle, give Dale a call at (248) 684-1414.

Report from December 18th Staff Meeting

FLYABLES: The undamaged B-17 engine has been sent out for rebuilding, to provide a spare. Cost will be about $35K. Many thanks to **Tom Freeland** who trucked our B-17 engine cross-country to Everett, Washington.

A used but serviceable C-47 engine will be purchased from *Basler Aviation* in Oshkosh, Wisconsin for $15K.

Our Flyable Maintenance department is in good shape on shop equipment and air compressors, but we need more hand tools. We also need aircraft jacks to do our annual inspections, including landing gear tests.

MEMBERSHIP: Our Membership office is working to bring our member database up-to-date. Yankee Air Museum letterhead and envelopes were printed and now available near the reception area Board mailboxes if anyone needs them. We are doing some studies with *Eastern Michigan University* on setting up a bar-coding program. For more information about this, contact Membership department head **Kim Wahtera** at **kimwahtera@kw.com**.

Help Wanted

Do you have four hours a week to volunteer in our office? **Dave Wright** needs more people to help answer the phone in 4-hour shifts during Yankee business hours. Please call Dave at home **(734) 697-3790** or at the Yankee office **(734) 483-4030** to find out how you can help at Hangar 2, or phone Yankee volunteer coordinator **Don Brackett** at **(248) 425-2855** or e-mail him: **donb38@sbcglobal.net**.

Computer Resources

Tim Nickell reported at the December staff meeting that although there were a good number of computers donated after the fire, all have been allocated and we are seeking more. Machines that will run Windows^{xp} are preferred, but Windows^{98} machines will be accepted. To donate, call the Hangar 2 Yankee office (734) 483-4030 or e-mail Tim: **dbeav210t@netscape.net**.

Bette Watson, who heads up our Education Department, needs a laptop computer capable of running a new flight simulator program, to be easily transported to classrooms. Read more from Bette about Yankee Air Museum's educational outreach visits in the March issue of *HH.*

In Memory Of...

JOHN ELLICKSON
who passed away
7 December 2004

NEW CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

by **Dave Steiner** Photos by **Dave Stonoski**

Yankee Air Museum's 2004 Christmas Party was held Saturday, December 11th at the *Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Collection Museum* in Depot Town, Ypsilanti, Michigan. It was a wonderful success. Even Santa found us*!* Space for our party in this very fine museum was graciously donated by **Jack Miller**. If you've never seen this place, you've got to visit.

Call (734) 482-5200 for hours and admission prices. Both the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum and Yankee Air Museum share common interests in telling the story and preserving the history of Willow Run. When you visit, make sure to tell them you're a Yankee member, and thank Jack Miller for donating his Saturday to keep the museum open late into the night for our party.

If you mistakenly took home a Yankee Air Museum *GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN* commemorative t-shirt that was on display at the party, please return it, since it was our special thank-you gift for Mr. Miller.

Thanks to Linda French of the *Sidetrack Bar & Grill* for donating the party's cash bar and proceeds to Yankee Air Museum. Yankee's **Casey Hines** served as bartender extraordinaire*.* *Sidetrack* is located in Ypsilanti's historic Depot Town, right across the railroad tracks from the *Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Collection Museum*.

Thanks to ***BUSCH'S*** and to our Yankee members **Bob Campbell**, **Bob Laird**, **Jane Spires**, **Keith Jones**, **Socratis** and **Pam Stergiov**, and many others for setting up the party and cleaning up afterward.

PHOTOS ABOVE CLOCKWISE

We were privileged to dine amid a rare automotive collection.

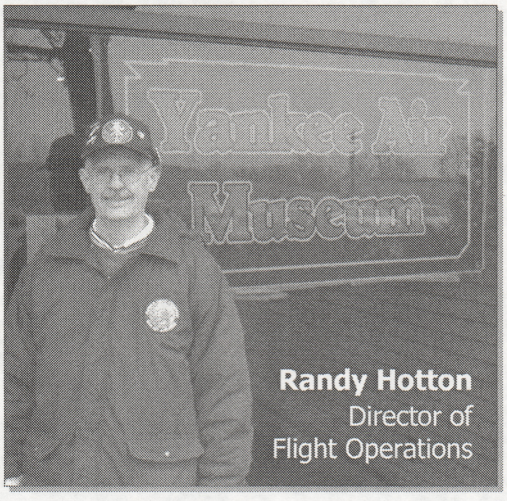
A favorite Yankee tradition: the buffet line*!*

Trying to negotiate with **Santa***?*

Jack Miller admires his new shirt, *GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.*

Daddy and **Nea** meet **Santa***!*

Dick Rice was given a nice surprise.



RENOWNED FOR EXCELLENCE is one of the trademarks of Yankee Air Museum's Flight Operations. Blessed with a cadre of experienced professional pilots, we are able to operate throughout the airshow season on a demanding schedule of long days and distant locations. We do this with a safety record that any organization would be proud to possess.

Randy Hotton is the Flight Operations department head for Yankee Air Museum. In this position, he oversees the operation of our four flyable aircraft: the B-17, B-25, C-47 and V-77 Stinson Reliant. With 35 different pilots flying Yankee Air Museum's aircraft, Randy has nearly another full-time job keeping track of pilot availability, currency, and training records. Fortunately he has help in the form of a Chief Pilot for each airplane. Each individual Chief Pilot schedules the pilots for their airplane's events, oversees their pilots' qualifications, and follows the training progress of each of their crew members. One of the major problems facing our Flight Operations department is finding pilots with experience in large tailwheel aircraft and experience in airplanes with round engines. In the near future, hopefully next year when our AT-11 starts flying, we will be able to train additional selected pilots in the operation of our classic airplanes.

Randy has been a member of Yankee Air Museum since 1985 and has been flying our airplanes since 1986. He presently acts as pilot-in-command in the C-47 and as co-pilot in the B-17. This much flying combined with his full-time job as Director of Falcon Standards at *USA Jet Airlines* leaves Randy little time for flying other airplanes for Yankee Air Museum. Randy is a native of the Detroit area, and has a connection with Willow Run going back to his birth in 1943 when his father was working in management at the Ford B-24 assembly plant. Randy is a graduate of *Michigan State University.* He joined the US Navy in 1965 and flew the P-3 Orion submarine hunter all over the world. In this role, he operated against Soviet nuclear submarines during the height of the Cold War. He also flew surveillance missions along the coast of Viet Nam looking for enemy supply ships. He served onboard the aircraft carrier *USS Enterprise* where he flew the ship's carrier-based cargo airplane. Randy left the Navy in 1977 to pursue a career in civilian aviation and has held various jobs in the corporate and airline industry. While flying as a civilian, he continued his Navy career in the Naval Reserve, where he again flew the P-3 Orion out of *Selfridge Air National Guard Base.* There he served as commanding officer of the P-3 Augmentation Squadron and retired from the Naval Reserve in 1990 as a Captain.

Randy now lives in Belleville and has a job in airline management. He has nearly 12,000 hours of flight time and has flown over 25 different airplanes. This allows him to keep close tabs on Yankee Air Museum and bring to us a wealth of knowledge on aircraft operations, training, pilot qualifications and dealing with federal regulations. In his position as our Director of Flight Operations, Randy has helped to promote one of his favorite programs recently developed for Yankee members: the C-47 day trips*!* These have been immensely popular, offering a variety of destinations from the *National Museum of the United States Air Force* in Dayton, Ohio, to Mackinac Island in northern Michigan. Randy is active in a number of other Yankee Air Museum functions, serving as a Board member, head of the Long-Range Planning Committee, and with events planning. Randy's goal for Yankee Air Museum is to maintain the reputation we now have as the premier warbird operator in the airshow business.

Next month: **Bette Watson** reports on Yankee Air Museum's **Education Department**.

YANKEE AIR FORCE, INC.
OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

NAME	*TERM EXPIRES*
Jon Stevens President	December 31, 2005
Dick Stewart Vice President	December 31, 2005
Mary Jane Medlock Secretary	February 2005 (elected by Board)
Les Klima Treasurer	April 2006 (elected by Board)

Board Members

Bill Colwell	December 31, 2005
Brian Higgins	December 31, 2005
Joe Leugers	December 31, 2005
Dave Steiner	December 31, 2005
Bill Hanney	December 31, 2006
Andrew Robinson	December 31, 2006
Bill Wier	December 31, 2006
Dale Worcester	December 31, 2006
Deane Baker	December 31, 2007
Randy Hotton	December 31, 2007
Ray Hunter	December 31, 2007
Kevin Walsh	December 31, 2007

This year, 2005, we will be electing a new President, Vice President, and four Board members.

Our President and Vice President may each serve 2 terms of 2 years each term.

Board members serve 3-year terms with no limits on re-election.

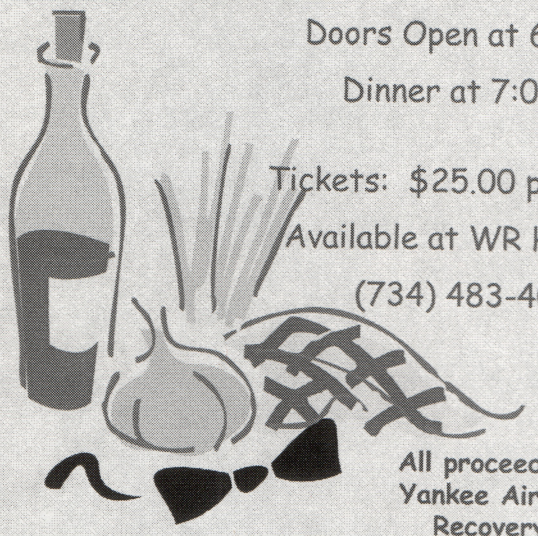
PLEASE CONSIDER RUNNING FOR OFFICE !

For a self-nomination form, qualification requirements, and 2005 election schedule contact **Al. Scotford**
Elections Committee Chairman:
zekezzypt@cswebmail.com

Spaghetti Dinner
At the
"Italian Bistro Café"

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Saturday, April 9, 2005
UAW Local 735, Canton, MI
Doors Open at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm



Tickets: $25.00 per person
Available at WR Hangar 2
(734) 483-4030

All proceeds go the Yankee Air Museum Recovery Fund

REUNION !

494th Bomb Group (H) flew B-24s in World War II with the **7th AAF**

Wednesday-Sunday 11-15 May 2005
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West Bloomfield MI 48322
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10589 Ronald Lane
Northglenn CO 80234
Phone 1-303-452-5078

OR

Herman Gerres
Phone 1-719-564-4680

ON THE HORIZON

AIR PARK
East side of Willow Run Airport
at Beck & Ecorse Roads

HANGAR
Southwest side of Willow Run Airport
in Hangar 2

www.yankeeairmuseum.org

FEBRUARY 2005

Sunday February 6th — ***Bugles Across America*** Recite our Pledge and hear TAPS — *FREE*
7:15 PM at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville — *EVERYONE WELCOME*
on High Street overlooking Belleville Lake, next to *Belleville Grille* — *FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH*

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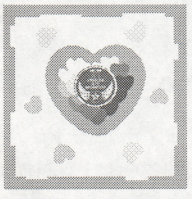

All proceeds will benefit the Yankee Air Museum. The fun begins at 5 PM! *SEE PAGES 3 -4*
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Morris J. Lawrence Building, Washtenaw Community College — *$45 IN ADVANCE*
4800 East Huron River Drive between Ypsilanti & Ann Arbor — *$50 AT THE DOOR*

Thurs-Sun February 24-27th — **National Warbird Operator Conference** in Seattle, Washington

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday April 2nd — ***9th ANNUAL*** **Polishing Party** ***FIRST SATURDAY IN APRIL!*** **MEMBERS ONLY**
Saturday April 2nd — Yankee Air Museum hosts a benefit folk & blues concert!
Orthea Barnes, Ron Coden, Charlie Latimer, and Josh White, Jr.
The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton, Michigan
50400 Cherry Hill Road at Ridge Road North
6PM Reception 7PM Concert $50 each

Saturday April 9th — Spaghetti Dinner at *UAW Local 735* in Canton at 48055 Michigan Avenue
SEE PAGE 10 between Beck & Denton Roads on south side of Michigan Avenue

Saturday May 7th — Plymouth Historical Society fundraiser for Yankee Air Museum
Saturday May 21st — Willow Run Airport Open House
Monday May 30th — Memorial Day
Saturday June 4th *WEEKEND* — Vietnam Veterans Touring Memorial ***The Wall That Heals***
Saturday July 9th — Victory Speaker celebrating VE Day 8 May 1945 (Victory in Europe)
and VJ Day 2 Sept 1945 (Victory in Japan)

Monday-Sunday — NEW DAYS! *(Not Tuesday-Monday as years past)*
July 25th-July 31st — EAA *AirVenture* 2005, Oshkosh, Wisconsin
August 6th-7th — *Thunder Over Michigan: 60th Anniversary of the End of World War II*
September *TO BE ANNOUNCED* — Volunteer Appreciation Day
Saturday December 10th — Holiday Party

PLEASE PHONE FOR DETAILS **(734) 483-4030.** WATCH FOR UPDATES AT **www.yankeeairmuseum.org.**

Yankee Air Museum to Establish Member E-Mail Database

One of our resolutions for the new year is to conduct Yankee Air Museum business more economically, more efficiently, and to communicate with all our members in a more effective and up-to-date way.

In order to begin this process, we intend to establish a Yankee Air Museum member database that includes e-mail addresses. In keeping with current Yankee policy, this e-mail address database will be totally private; we will not compromise the database for any reason, for example, by selling the list to commercial companies.

Some of our intended uses for the e-mail address database will be to provide all participating members of Yankee Air Museum with the very latest information in a quick and expensive way. As we gain expertise in using the database, we may be able to electronically provide *Hangar Happenin's* to members who don't wish to receive it by US Mail. There will be many other uses for this database, such as notifying members about important upcoming events at Willow Run, or to advertise special mail order sales in the Museum Store.

In order to establish this database, we ask that all Yankee members who are online simply send an e-mail to **email@yankeeairmuseum.org** and *provide your name, your current e-mail address and your Zip code.* We will use your Zip code to create sub-sets of the main database. In that way, we will be able to target geographical areas with messages including information on upcoming events such as airshows, fly-ins or other events of interest to members in that specific area.

Please send an e-mail now to **email@yankeeairmuseum.org**

Also, please feel free to offer advice on how we can best use our Yankee Air Museum database.

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